## Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Voting is one of the fundamental pillars of a democracy; and,

Whereas, A citizen must be registered to vote to cast a ballot; and,

Whereas, In 2008, six million people reported that they failed to vote because they did not know how to register or missed a voter registration deadline; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Secretary of State is working alongside organizations including the National Association of Secretaries of State and Rock the Vote to promote voter registration awareness; and,

Whereas, A coalition of non-profit organizations is attempting to register tens of thousands of voters on September 25; and,

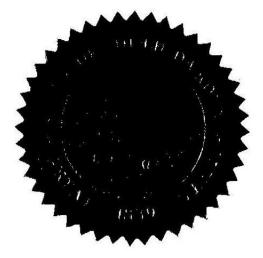
Whereas, The coalition is calling the day National Voter Registration Day; and,

Whereas, This endeavor includes organizations and citizens of South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2012 as

## VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State